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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL ON KISSINGER SPEECH
AT PILGRIM'S CLUB, LONDON PUBLISHED IN PRESTIGIOUS IRISH
TIMES DECEMBER 13.

QUOTE KISSINGER'S WISDOM: DR. KSSINGER'S AFTER-DINNER
SPEECH AT THE PILGRIMS' CLUB IN LONDON LAST NIGHT CLEARLY
CAME FROM THE HEART. IT WAS NO BOUQUET OF PLATITTUDES:
RATHER, IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE AND DEFINE THE FLAWS
WHICH LATELY HAVE BEEN VISIBLE IN U.S.-EUORPEAN RELATIONS.
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SOME OF HIS REMARKS STRESSED WHAT HE HAD BEEN SAYING, A

COUPLE OF DAYS PREVIOUSLY. IN BRUSSELS AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION-THAT THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE MUST BE REFURBISHED, AND THAT CHANGE MUST COME WITH CHANGING TIMES.

HE DIRECTLY ACCUSED THE EEC COUNTRIES OF REFUSING TO CONSULT HIS GOVERNMENT BEFORE REACHING MAJOR POLITICAL DECISIONS. SOME EUROPEANS, HE REMARKED DRILY-AND DOUBTLESS WITH THE FRENCH PARTICULARLY IN MIND-HAD COME TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR IDENTITY SHOULD BE MEASURED BY ITS DISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES. ACCOMPLISHED FACTS WERE ALIEN TO THE U.S. EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP: EUROPEAN UNITY DID NOT CUT ACROSS OR PREJUDICE ATLANTIC UNITY, AND THE U.S. SUPPORTED THE FORMER, HE INTIMATED, AS RESOLUTELY AS IT DID THE LATTER.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WARNED THAT THERE WAS BOUND TO BE TROUBLE IF THE GREAT INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES OF JAPAN, NORTH AMERICA AND WESTERN EUROPE PURSUED DIVERGENT PATHS: PROSPERITY AND PARTNERSHIP WOULD BE IMPERILLED THEREBY. ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE HAS CERTAINLY COME TO BE A REALITY: AND DR. KISSINGER EXEMPLIFIED THIS PART OF HIS ARGUMENT BY HIS ANALYSIS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS, AND HIS PROPOSALS ON HOW ITS WORST EFFECTS MIGHT BE AMELIORATED-BY A MIGHTY EXERCISE IN CO-OPERATION.

THE MOST PENETRATING THESIS OF WHICH HE DELIVERED HIMSELF CAME WHEN HE REFERRED TO THE DANGEROUS AND ANOMALOUS SITUATION WHICH, IN THE PUBLIC MIND, INCREASINGLY IDENTIFIED SUCCESS IN FOREIGN POLICY WITH RELATIONS WITH ADVERSARIES, WHILE RELATIONS WITH ALLIES SEEMED TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY "BICKERING AND DRIFT." (HE IS PROBABLY WELL AWARE THAT HIS OWN TRIUMPHANT WOOING OF RUSSIA AND CHINA HAS PROVIDED THE MAIN STIMULUS FOR THIS ANOMALY).

HE DID NOT LAY ALL THE BLAME FOR THE DETERIORATION OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ON THE EUROPEAN END OF THE PARTNERSHIP. SOMETIMES, HE CONCEDED, HIS OWN COUNTRY DID NOT ADEQUATELY CONSULT ITS ALLIES: THAT CERTAINLY WAS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CASE DURING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR IN OCTOBER. HE DID NOT MENTION A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR-THE INEVITABLE DECLINE IN WASHINGTON'S CREDIBILITY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE SOILING AND EROSION OF THE PRESIDENCY. AMERICA'S CAPACITY TO DELIVER WHAT SHE PROMISES HAS BEEN GRAVELY DIMINISHED THEREBY.

BUT IT WAS, OVER ALL, A STRONG SPEECH, QUICKENED BY WELCOME AS WELL AS UNWELCOME TRUTHS. THE DISTINGUISHED

BAND OF PILGRIMS, AND THOSE WHO WILL READ HIS SPEECH
ACROSS THE WORLD THIS MORNING, HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FAIRLY
DEEP INSIGHT INTO THE MECHANISM AND DIRECTION OF HIS
THOUGHT. HE IS, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE ONLY
BEGETTER OF AMERICAN POLICY AT THE PRESENT TIME: HE
IS A MAN OF IDEAS, WITH AN INSTINCT FOR MODERATION AND
FOR MEASURING THE POSSIBLE WHICH ENTITLES HIM TO RENEWED
RESPECT, AND WHICH IS A SOURCE OF SOME HOPE IN WHAT
CURRENTLY SEEMS TO MANY TO BE A PRETTY HOPELESS WORLD.
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COMMENT: EDITORIAL IS ALL THE MORE SIGNIFICANT FOR
HAVING APPEARED IN THE IRISH TIMES, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN
NOTABLY FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MANY YEARS.
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